

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:
identifying an application product; and
associating a business process model pertaining to the application product with a plurality of views illustrating a business process within the application product.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein each of the plurality of views is an image representing one of a plurality of user interfaces defined by the application product.

3. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
creating the business process model for the application product using data from an external file.

4. The method of claim 5, wherein the business process model is created in a modeling language.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the business process model comprises graphical representations of a plurality of activities within the business process.

6. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

displaying the business process model with the plurality of views to the user.
7. The method of claim 1 wherein associating the business process model comprises:

creating the plurality of views corresponding to a plurality of user interfaces defined in the application product;

storing an identifier of each of the plurality of views in a repository; and

associating, in the repository, the identifier of each of the plurality of views with at least one of a plurality of activities represented in the business process model.
8. The method of claim 1 wherein the application product is a standard application product defined for a specific industry.
9. A method comprising:

displaying a business process model pertaining to an application product; and

displaying a plurality of views illustrating a business process within the application product.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein each of the plurality of views is an image representing one of a plurality of user interfaces defined by the application product.
11. The method of claim 9 wherein the business process model is created in a modeling language.
12. The method of claim 9 further comprising:
deleting one of the plurality of views in response to a user request.
13. The method of claim 9 further comprising:
adding a view to the plurality of views in response to a user request.
14. The method of claim 9 further comprising:
replacing one of the plurality of views with a different view in response to a user request.
15. The method of claim 9 further comprising:
receiving a user request to navigate to one of the plurality of views in the application product;
determining a view identifier; and
passing a command to the application product to trigger display of a user interface associated with the view identifier in execution mode.

16. The method of claim 9 further comprising:
 - creating a first set of business requirements using the business process model; and
 - transferring the first set of business requirements to a business requirement database.
17. The method of claim 16 further comprising:
 - modifying the business process model in response to a user request;
 - creating a second set of business requirements using the modified business process model; and
 - transferring the second set of business requirements to the business requirement database.
18. The method of claim 16 further comprising:
 - maintaining existing relationships between components of the business process model when creating the first set of business requirements.
19. The method of claim 9 wherein the application product is a standard application product defined for a specific industry.
20. A machine-readable medium having executable instructions to cause a machine to perform a method comprising:

identifying an application product; and
associating a business process model pertaining to the application product
with a plurality of views illustrating a business process within the application
product.

21. The machine-readable medium of claim 20 wherein each of the plurality of
views is an image representing one of a plurality of user interfaces defined by the
application product.

22. The machine-readable medium of claim 20 wherein the method further
comprises:

creating the business process model for the application product using data
from an external file.

23. The machine-readable medium of claim 22 wherein the business process
model is created in a modeling language.

24. The machine-readable medium of claim 20 wherein associating the
business process model comprises:

creating the plurality of views corresponding to a plurality of user
interfaces defined in the application product;
storing an identifier of each of the plurality of views in a repository; and

associating, in the repository, the identifier of each of the plurality of views with at least one of a plurality of activities represented in the business process model.

25. The machine-readable medium of claim 20 wherein the application product is a standard application product defined for a specific industry.

26. A machine-readable medium having executable instructions to cause a machine to perform a method comprising:

displaying a business process model pertaining to an application product;
and

displaying a plurality of views illustrating a business process within the application product.

27. The machine-readable medium of claim 26 wherein each of the plurality of views is an image representing one of a plurality of user interfaces defined by the application product.

28. The machine-readable medium of claim 26 wherein the business process model is created in a modeling language.

29. The machine-readable medium of claim 26 wherein the method further comprises:

modifying the plurality of views displayed to the user in response to a user request.

30. The machine-readable medium of claim 26 wherein the method further comprises:

receiving a user request to navigate to one of the plurality of views in the application product;
determining a view identifier; and
passing a command to the application product to trigger display of a user interface associated with the view identifier in execution mode.

31. A system comprising:

a processor coupled to a memory through a bus; and
a linkage process executed from the memory by the processor to cause the processor to identify an application product and to associate a business process model pertaining to the application product with a plurality of views illustrating a business process within the application product.

32. The system of claim 31 wherein each of the plurality of views is an image representing one of a plurality of user interfaces defined by the application product.

33. The system of claim 31 wherein the business process model is created in a modeling language.

34. The system of claim 31 wherein the linkage process causes the processor to associate the business process model by creating the plurality of views corresponding to a plurality of user interfaces defined in the application product, storing an identifier of each of the plurality of views in a repository, and associating, in the repository, the identifier of each of the plurality of views with at least one of a plurality of activities represented in the business process model.

35. The system of claim 31 wherein the application product is a standard application product defined for a specific industry.

36. A system comprising:

a processor coupled to a memory through a bus; and
a data presentation process executed from the memory by the processor to cause the processor to display a business process model pertaining to an application product and a plurality of views illustrating a business process within the application product.

37. The system of claim 36 wherein each of the plurality of views is an image representing one of a plurality of user interfaces defined by the application product.

38. The system of claim 36 wherein the business process model is created in a modeling language.

39. The system of claim 36 wherein the data presentation process further causes the processor to modify the plurality of views displayed to the user in response to a user request.

40. The system of claim 36 wherein the data presentation process further causes the processor to receive a user request to navigate to one of the plurality of views in the application product, to determine a view identifier, and to pass a command to the application product to trigger display of a user interface associated with the view identifier in execution mode.